

730. \$360,000 for the Southeast Council of Governments, South Dakota to establish a revolving loan fund;
731. \$360,000 for the City of Vermillion, South Dakota for a business incubator;
732. \$450,000 for the Center for Rural Collaboration and Partnerships in South Dakota for facility construction;
733. \$450,000 for Capitol University Center, Pierre, South Dakota to construct a facility for job training;
734. \$450,000 for the City of Rapid City, South Dakota to build a business incubator;
735. \$450,000 for the City of Clark, South Dakota for development of an industrial property;
736. \$2,700,000 for Wakpa Sica Historical Society in Fort Pierre, South Dakota for the Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Center;
737. \$67,500 to the City of Etowah, Tennessee/ Friends of the Old Scout Lodge for facilities rehabilitation of a historic structure;
738. \$81,000 for the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee for economic development planning;
739. \$81,000 for the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee for economic development planning;
740. \$81,000 to Pickett County, Tennessee for construction of a public library;
741. \$81,000 to White County, Tennessee for construction of a new public library;
742. \$90,000 to Dyersburg Army Air Base Memorial Association in Halls, Tennessee for facilities expansion of the association's veterans museum;
743. \$121,500 to the National Medal of Honor Museum of Military History Foundation, Inc. for facilities renovation and construction in Chattanooga, Tennessee;
744. \$180,000 to Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee for facilities construction;

745. \$180,000 to the Second Harvest Food Bank in Middle Tennessee for facilities construction;

746. \$202,500 to the Town of Spring City, Tennessee for construction of a multi-purpose business and community center;

747. \$255,150 to Knox County, Tennessee for renovations and construction of parking facilities;

748. \$405,000 to the Historical Tennessee Theatre Foundation, Inc. for continued renovations of the Tennessee Theatre in Knoxville, Tennessee;

749. \$500,000 ~~for Nashville, Tennessee~~ for the City of Memphis Biotech Facility;

750. \$850,000 for Nashville, Tennessee for the revitalization of Rolling Mill Road;

751. \$950,000 for the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee for the revitalization of Alton Park;

752. \$90,000 to Community Family Centers in Houston, Texas for construction of an early childhood development center;

753. \$90,000 to the City of San Angelo Development Corporation in Texas for planning for a regional industrial park;

754. \$90,000 to the City of Austin, Texas Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office for sidewalks, curbs, street lighting and facade renovations;

755. \$135,000 to the Abilene Preservation League in Abilene, Texas for the restoration of historic Swenson House;

756. \$135,000 to the Sulphur Springs Regional Development Association in Hopkins County, Texas for construction of a regional education and cultural center;

757. \$135,000 to Texas A&M University Center for Housing and Urban Development for construction of a community center serving colonias;

758. \$157,500 to the City of Abilene, Texas for the renovation of the Matera Paper Building, including land acquisition;
759. \$202,500 for Texas A&M International University in Laredo, Texas for construction of outreach centers in the El Azteca neighborhood and the colonias of El Cenizo and Rio Bravo;
760. \$202,500 to Community Health Development, Inc. of Uvalde, Texas for facilities expansion and construction for a dental services and wellness center;
761. \$202,500 to the Battleship Texas Foundation for construction of an interpretive center;
762. \$225,000 to Cameron County, Texas for construction of a Boys and Girls Club facility in Santa Rosa;
763. \$225,000 to the City of Fort Worth, Texas for building restoration in the city center;
764. \$360,000 to the City of Waco, Texas for construction of a community center;
765. \$405,000 to the Family Practice Residency of the Brazos Valley in Bryan, Texas for construction of a new center of excellence;
766. \$405,000 to the Mercy Health System for facilities renovations and improvements at Mercy Hospital in Laredo, Texas;
767. \$405,000 to the University of Texas at Arlington for the continued facilities construction and buildout for the Nano-Tech Research Institute;
768. \$450,000 for Lubbock, Texas for capital needs of the Lubbock Amphitheater;
769. \$607,500 to the Old Red Courthouse Museum in Dallas, Texas for the restoration of facilities for the Museum of Dallas History;
770. \$742,500 for Fort Worth, Texas for the revitalization of the Fort Worth Polytechnic Heights Historic Commercial and Educational Center;

771. \$810,000 to the City of Fort Worth, Texas for waterfront facilities construction for the Trinity River Visions project;
772. \$810,000 to the Globe of the Great Southwest in Odessa, Texas for facilities expansion and improvements;
773. \$900,000 for El Paso, Texas for the renovation of the El Paso Plaza Theatre;
774. \$180,000 to the Community Legal Center in Salt Lake City, Utah for facility renovation;
775. \$202,500 to West Valley City, Utah for construction of a City's Multi-Ethnic Community Center;
776. \$270,000 for the City of Orem, Utah for improvement of Nielsen's Grove Historical Park;
777. \$810,000 for the City of Riverton, Utah for reconstruction of a Historic City Civic Center;
778. \$1,170,000 for Sevier County, Utah for development of a Multi-Events Center;
779. \$22,500 to the Langhorne House in Danville, Virginia for facilities renovations;
780. \$22,500 to the Prestwoud House near Clarksville, Virginia to assist with renovations to the historic site;
781. \$45,000 for the Town of Boynton, Virginia for facilities improvements in connection with the downtown revitalization project;
782. \$67,500 for Loudon Interfaith Relief, Inc. of Virginia for planning activities for development of a community kitchen;
783. \$90,000 for Henry County, Virginia for facility renovations at the Henry County technology campus;

784. \$90,000 for the City of Martinsville, Virginia for the planning for the utilization of an industrial site;
785. \$90,000 for the Town of Altavista, Virginia to assist with renovations of the shell building industrial site;
786. \$90,000 for the Town of Clarksville, Virginia to assist with the study on the development of the downtown area;
787. \$90,000 to Arlington County, Virginia for renovation and buildout for the Bonder and Amanda Johnson Community Development Corporation facility;
788. \$90,000 to the Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society in Virginia for improvements to the Old Henry County Court House and Museum;
789. \$90,000 to the City of Manassas, Virginia for restoration of the Liberia House;
790. \$90,000 to the Virginia Science Center for construction of the Belmont Bay Science Center in Prince William County, Virginia;
791. \$90,000 to the Vienna Little League in Vienna, Virginia for facilities construction;
792. \$135,000 to the Lorton Arts Foundation in Lorton, Virginia for the renovation of buildings for a creative arts center;
793. \$157,500 to the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH) in Arlington, Virginia for facilities construction for a computer technology information center;
794. \$157,500 to New Hope Housing in Alexandria, Virginia for renovation of the Mondloch House and construction at the Kennedy Shelter;
795. \$162,000 to Eastern Shore Community College for construction of the Eastern Shore Workforce Training and Business Development Center in Melfa, Virginia;

796. \$180,000 for the Town of South Hill, Virginia for the restoration of the Colonial Theatre;
797. \$180,000 to the Arlington Housing Corporation in Arlington, Virginia for construction of a community center in the Woodbury Park development;
798. \$180,000 to the Institute of Advanced Learning and Research (IALR) in Danville, Virginia for installation and improvements to high technology systems;
799. \$180,000 to the Rich Valley Fair Association in Virginia for construction of a new facility to jointly serve as a community center and indoor space for the community fair;
800. \$180,000 to the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum, Inc. for facilities expansion and buildout;
801. \$180,000 to the Town of Edinburg, Virginia for the renovation and adaptive reuse of the Historic Edinburg Mill;
802. \$180,000 to Vanguard Services Unlimited of Arlington, Virginia for renovation and improvement of facilities;
803. \$202,500 to the City of Suffolk, Virginia for the renovation and restoration of the old Suffolk High School for use as a cultural center;
804. \$202,500 to the Lynchburg Academy of Music in Lynchburg, Virginia for facilities construction and renovation;
805. \$202,500 to the Tredegar National Civil War Center Foundation of Richmond, Virginia for facilities construction;
806. \$216,000 to the Virginia Living Museum in Newport News, Virginia for construction and renovation of facilities;

807. \$225,000 to Edgehill Recovery Retreat Center in Winchester, Virginia for facilities construction;

808. \$225,000 for Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia for ongoing construction of the Center for the Exceptionally Gifted;

809. \$450,000 to the St. Coletta School in Alexandria, Virginia for facilities construction;

810. \$675,000 to the Christopher Newport University Foundation of Newport News, Virginia for facilities construction and renovation;

811. \$1,350,000 for Newport News, Virginia for the development of the Newport News Fine Arts Center;

812. \$90,000 to the Department of Vermont Veterans of Foreign Wars for the construction of the Green Block Veterans Memorial in Brandon, Vermont and the Windsor, Vermont War Memorial;

813. \$90,000 to the Northeastern Vermont Development Corporation for construction of a community center in Orleans County;

814. \$90,000 for the Carving Studio in West Rutland, Vermont for building renovations;

815. \$90,000 to the Northeastern Vermont Development Association to support the Northeast Kingdom Enterprise Collaborative and the Northeast Kingdom REAP zone in promoting economic development throughout the region;

816. \$180,000 for the Park-McCullough House in North Bennington, Vermont for preservation of property;

817. \$225,000 to the Vermont Broadband Council to promote broadband accessibility throughout Vermont;

818. \$270,000 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for rehabilitation and construction of affordable housing in the historic Tuttle Building in Rutland, Vermont;
819. \$270,000 to the City of Burlington for construction of the Intervale Food Enterprise Center in Burlington, Vermont;
820. \$270,000 for the Vermont Development Initiative to expand their services throughout Vermont;
821. \$270,000 for the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board in Stowe, Vermont for the creation of affordable housing;
822. \$270,000 for the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board in Newport, Vermont for the expansion of affordable senior housing;
823. \$315,000 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for the development of affordable housing in Vergennes, Vermont;
824. \$360,000 for the City of Burlington, Vermont for neighborhood revitalization;
825. \$360,000 for the Lund Family Center in Burlington, Vermont for building renovations;
826. \$450,000 for the Vermont Institute of Science for the construction of a new public education and wildlife center;
827. \$810,000 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for infrastructure improvements and other costs related to the development of affordable housing on Depot Street in Burlington, Vermont;
828. \$67,500 to the Aberdeen Museum of History in Aberdeen, Washington for facility renovations;
829. \$67,500 to the Boys and Girls Club of the Olympic Peninsula for restoration of their Mt. Angeles, Washington facility;

830. \$67,500 to the Jefferson County Historical Society in Jefferson County, Washington for building restoration;
831. \$67,500 to the Kitsap County Historical Society in Kitsap County, Washington for facility renovations;
832. \$90,000 to the City of Mount Vernon, Washington for renovations to the historic Lincoln Theater;
833. \$90,000 to the Lummi Indian Nation in Whatcom County, Washington for the construction of the Semiahmah Memorial and Coast Salish Heritage Park;
834. \$90,000 to Bread and Rose in Olympia, Washington for renovations to a homeless shelter;
835. \$90,000 for the City of Forks, Washington for telecommunications initiatives;
836. \$90,000 for the Elks Club of Pierce and Thurston Counties in Tacoma, Washington for the Toys for Disabled Youth Project;
837. \$90,000 for the Washington State Rural Development Council for the Rural Community Assessment Project;
838. \$180,000 for the Rural and Farmworker Housing Trust in Washington for farmworker housing;
839. \$180,000 for the Squaxin Island tribe in Shelton, Washington for the Squaxin Island Museum, Library and Research Center;
840. \$180,000 for the Wenatchee Valley College Foundation in Wenatchee, Washington to complete construction of the Institute for Rural Innovation and Stewardship;
841. \$202,500 to the City of Buckley, Washington for construction of the Buckley Youth Center;

842. \$225,000 to the Port of Bremerton, Washington for facilities construction related to expansion of a marina;
843. \$225,000 to the Port of Grays Harbor, Washington for facilities construction and buildout for a boat yard;
844. \$225,000 for the Friends of Youth of Redmond, Washington for the Griffin Home renovation in Renton;
845. \$225,000 for Horizons, Inc. in Sunnyside, Washington for technology training centers;
846. \$225,000 for Transitions in Spokane, Washington to purchase a building for the Women's Drop in Center;
847. \$225,000 for the Port of Chelan in Wenatchee, Washington to complete the construction of a community technology center;
848. \$225,000 for the Washington State Office of Community Development for a planning and development resource center;
849. \$387,000 for the SeattleArt Museum/Museum Development Authority, Washington for costs associated with brownfields cleanup;
850. \$405,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of Spokane County, Washington for renovation of facilities;
851. \$450,000 for the SWIFT Cyber Corporation in Washington for broadband access;
852. \$450,000 for the YWCA of Seattle, Washington for the YWCA Opportunity Place;
853. \$495,000 for Kent Youth and Family Services in Kent, Washington to build two new community centers including the Building Better Futures Family Center;
854. \$90,000 to the City of Stoughton, Wisconsin for sidewalk, street lighting and furniture, and building renovations;

855. \$90,000 to Brown County, Wisconsin for an economic development study for the Port of Green Bay;

856. \$90,000 for the Burleigh Street CDC in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for a community and enterprise center;

857. \$90,000 for the Genesis Foundation of Madison, Wisconsin for the South Madison Incubator;

858. \$112,500 to St. Norbert College of DePere, Wisconsin for construction of a library learning center;

859. \$135,000 to the City of Columbus, Wisconsin for sidewalk, street lighting and furniture, and building renovations;

860. \$135,000 to the Milwaukee Center for Independence in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for construction of a Children's Diagnostic Center;

861. \$135,000 for the city of Racine, Wisconsin for neighborhood redevelopment.;

862. \$225,000 to the Metcalfe Park Residents Association in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for sidewalk, street lighting and furniture, and building renovations;

863. \$225,000 for the YWCA of Milwaukee, Wisconsin for the rehabilitation of two central city properties;

864. \$225,000 for city of Burlington, Wisconsin for development of the Bel-Mur site;

865. \$225,000 for the city of Beloit, Wisconsin for the renovation of abandoned Beloit Corporation land;

866. \$225,000 for the City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin for downtown revitalization;

867. \$360,000 for ~~the Town of~~ Madison, Wisconsin for the Novation Technology Campus;

868. \$450,000 for the city of Madison, Wisconsin for the development of affordable housing;

869. \$630,000 to the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College in Rice Lake, Wisconsin for construction and expansion of facilities at its new technology center;

870. \$675,000 for the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin for the Menomonee River Valley Redevelopment project;

871. \$90,000 to Marshall University's Appalachian Transportation Institute for a study of economic development opportunities in southern West Virginia to support the Southern Highlands Initiative;

872. \$90,000 to Marshall University's Appalachian Transportation Institute for economic development planning related to recent flooding; (West Virgin

873. \$121,500 for the Kanawha Institute for Social Research and Action for facilities renovation for a business incubator and community center in Kanawha County, West Virginia;

874. \$162,000 to the Upper Kanawha Valley Enterprise Community for facilities renovation for a business and community center; (West Virg

875. \$450,000 to the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Authority for facilities construction in cooperation with the 4-County Economic Development Authority located in Oak Hill, West Virginia focused on development along the Interstate 64 corridor;

876. \$720,000 to the Grant County Commission in West Virginia for construction of a community center;

877. \$900,000 for the City of Summersville, West Virginia for the expansion of the National Guard Readiness Center;

878. \$1,053,000 to the Mid-Atlantic Aerospace Complex, Inc. in Bridgeport, West Virginia for facilities construction;

879. \$1,125,000 to Concord College in Athens, West Virginia for facilities construction for an information technology training center;

880. \$1,170,000 to the West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation, Inc. in Marion County, West Virginia for facilities construction for a high-tech park;

881. \$1,575,000 to the Monongalia County Schools Foundation, Inc. in West Virginia for construction of recreational facilities;

882. \$1,682,000 to the Vandalia Heritage Foundation for development needs;

883. \$1,800,000 for Potomac State College in Keyser, West Virginia for renovation of a library;

884. \$2,700,000 for Glenville State College in Glenville, West Virginia for the construction of a new campus community education center;

885. \$2,700,000 for West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, West Virginia for renovation/expansion of a science hall.

West Virginia

--\$42,120,000 for the Neighborhood Initiatives program instead of \$23,400,000 as proposed by the House and \$40,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. Modified language is included, similar to language proposed by the House and Senate, targeting funds made available under this program. Targeted grants shall be provided as follows:

1. \$900,000 for Anchorage, Alaska for an expansion of the Anchorage Museum;
2. \$250,000 for the City of Boaz, Alabama for facilities renovations and expansion;
3. \$250,000 for the Alabama Historic Commission for the Historic Fort Toulouse-Fort Jackson project;
4. \$1,260,000 to the Model City Community Revitalization District Trust in Miami, Florida for the Model City Homeownership project;
5. \$1,620,000 to the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho for construction of the Performance and Education Facility at the Lionel Hampton Center;
6. \$620,000 for the City of Indianapolis, Indiana for the Life Sciences Project;
7. \$225,000 to the New Zion Community Foundation Development for continued renovations and improvements for a community resource center in Louisville, Kentucky;
8. \$90,000 for The Neighborhood House in Louisville, Kentucky to furnish the community center;
9. \$135,000 for the Portland Avenue Community Trust in Louisville, Kentucky for a multi-purpose facility;
10. \$225,000 to the St. Stephen Family Life Center of Louisville, Kentucky for renovation of a facility for drug abuse counseling and transitional housing;
11. \$135,000 to the New Directions Housing Corporation in Louisville, Kentucky for renovation of the historic Reeser Court Apartments;
12. \$135,000 to the Shawnee Gardens Development Corporation of Louisville, Kentucky for the conversion of a building to serve as an independent living senior housing facility;
13. \$108,000 to the West Broadway Community Development Corporation in Louisville, Kentucky for development of a multi-purpose facility;

14. \$27,000 to the Coalition for the Homeless of Louisville/Jefferson County, Kentucky for a planning grant;
15. \$1,000,000 for East Baltimore Development Inc., in Baltimore, Maryland for redevelopment activities in East Baltimore;
16. \$1,000,000 to the Palestine Economic Development Corporation for the development of an Urban Assisted Living Center in Kansas City, Missouri;
17. \$2,490,000 for the Applied Urban Research Institute in Missouri for a community development initiative;
18. \$500,000 for the Seton House Transition Living Center in Missouri for Seton House operation and improvements;
19. \$500,000 to Kansas City, Missouri for Columbus Park Neighborhood Improvements;
20. \$500,000 for Thomas Jefferson Institute in Missouri for development of a Youth Education Farm;
21. \$500,000 for Logan College of Chiropractic for a mitigation compliance project consisting of retention and detention control areas in Chesterfield, Missouri;
22. \$1,000,000 for Kansas City, Missouri for streetscape improvements in the Kansas City downtown library district;
23. \$500,000 for Urban Strategies for the construction of an affordable mixed income housing property for disabled individuals in the Central West End area of the City of St. Louis, Missouri;
24. \$500,000 for the City of Chillicothe, Missouri for downtown revitalization;
25. \$500,000 for the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri for downtown revitalization;
26. \$500,000 for the Boys and Girls Club in Glendale, Montana for new program starts;

27. \$4,500,000 to the City of Syracuse, New York for the Neighborhood Initiative Program;
28. \$1,530,000 to Children's Center in Brooklyn, New York for the construction of a facility to house educational and therapeutic programs for disabled children;
29. \$450,000 to The Ohio State University for its Neighborhoods Revitalization Initiative;
30. \$750,000 for the City of Cincinnati, Ohio for the development of the Ohio River Trail;
31. \$450,000 to the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences' Center for Community Development at Case Western Reserve University for the Louis Stokes Fellow Program in Community Organization and Development;
32. \$1,170,000 to the Northwest Regional Planning Commission in Spooner, Wisconsin for a revolving loan fund to assist tornado-damaged areas in northwestern Wisconsin;
33. \$4,500,000 for the Institute for Scientific Research for construction related to a high-technology diversification initiative;
34. \$4,050,000 for the Vandalia Heritage Foundation, Inc. for community and neighborhood revitalization and economic diversification initiatives;
35. \$450,000 to the U.S. Soccer Foundation for the National Soccer Program Development Initiative;
36. \$800,000 for the National Housing Trust/Enterprise Preservation Corporation to preserve affordable apartments for low-income people;
37. \$4,400,000 for the Housing Partnership Network for a revolving loan fund for single-family home ownership development and loans to non-profit affordable housing organizations;
38. \$1,800,000 for the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. for youth development initiatives in public housing;

39. \$1,800,000 for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America for the operating and start-up costs of clubs located in or near, and primarily serving residents of, public and Indian housing.

The conference agreement does not include bill language designating separate set-asides under this account for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and the Girl Scouts of the USA as proposed by the Senate, and instead includes funding for these activities under the Neighborhood Initiatives program. The House did not propose funding for these activities.

Includes modified language making technical corrections to certain targeted economic development initiative grants funded under this heading in prior appropriations Acts, similar to language proposed by the House and the Senate.

Includes language transferring no less than \$3,400,000 to the Working Capital Fund for development of and modifications to information technology systems as proposed by the House and the Senate.

Includes language regarding the limitation on the use of certain funds for planning, management and administration proposed by the Senate instead of language proposed by the House.

The conferees reiterate the direction included in the House report regarding a report evaluating the inclusion of people with disabilities and their advocates in development of consolidated plans.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOAN GUARANTEES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriates \$6,325,000 for costs associated with section 108 loan guarantees as proposed by the House instead of \$14,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. This amount, when combined with unobligated prior year credit subsidy appropriations and loan

commitment authority, will provide a total of \$13,325,000 in credit subsidy appropriations to support a total loan commitment level of \$579,344,000.

BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT

Appropriates \$25,000,000 for brownfields redevelopment as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

The conference agreement retains language proposed by the House to make funds available pursuant to the current statutory authorities instead of language proposed by the Senate.

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriates a total of \$2,000,000,000 for this account, instead of \$2,221,040,000 as proposed by the House and \$1,950,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes \$1,925,000,000 for the HOME Investment Partnerships program, instead of \$2,021,040,000 as proposed by the House and \$1,950,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. Language is included designating \$40,000,000 for housing counseling as proposed by the Senate instead of \$25,000,000 as proposed by the House. In addition, of the total amount provided for the HOME program, \$18,000,000 is for technical assistance including \$6,000,000 for qualified non-profit intermediaries to provide technical assistance to Community Housing and Development Organizations (CHDOs), instead of \$20,000,000 for technical assistance including \$8,000,000 for technical assistance to CHDOs as proposed by the House. The Senate did not propose a specific amount for this activity.

In addition, the conference agreement includes \$75,000,000 to be allocated by the Secretary to participating jurisdictions to provide downpayment assistance to low-income families to help them achieve homeownership.

The conferees reiterate the direction included in the House report regarding the issuance of guidance regarding the eligibility of manufactured housing under the HOME program.

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriates \$1,225,000,000 for homeless assistance grants, instead of \$1,250,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$1,215,025,000 as proposed by the Senate. Includes language requiring the renewal of all expiring shelter plus care grants as proposed by the House instead of bill language specifying a dollar amount for this purpose as proposed by the Senate. However, the conferees understand that the current estimate for ~~Shelter Plus Care~~ renewals totals \$193,000,000. The conferees expect the Department to provide the full amount necessary to fund these renewals from within the amounts provided. (16)

Language is included as proposed by the House designating \$11,000,000 for the national homeless data analysis project and ~~\$6,000,000~~ for technical assistance. The Senate bill included language designating a total of \$17,600,000 for these activities but did not specify an amount for each purpose. (6,600,000)

Language is not included designating \$1,500,000 under this account for the administrative needs of the Interagency Council on the Homeless as proposed by the

House. The conference agreement includes \$1,500,000 as a separate account in title III of this Act for this purpose as proposed by the Senate.

Language is included designating \$10,000,000 for a two-year demonstration program to fund innovative and effective programs to address homelessness as proposed by the House. The conferees reiterate that funds provided for this demonstration are only to be used for the housing portion of such programs. Grantees shall derive supportive services funds from public or private sources other than homeless assistance grants funded under this account. The conferees request that the Department submit an annual report to the Committees on Appropriations on the projects funded under this demonstration and their outcomes, with the first such report due March 15, 2004. The Senate did not propose funding for this activity.

In lieu of the language in the Senate report, the conferees reiterate their support for the creation of additional units of permanent supportive housing and concern over the targeting of the ~~Shelter~~ Plus ~~Care~~ program to chronically homeless people. The conferees are concerned that the Department is not taking the proper steps to determine the extent to which HUD's homeless assistance programs are meeting the needs of chronically homeless people. Therefore, HUD is directed to begin collecting data on the percentage and number of beds and supportive services programs that are serving people who are chronically disabled and/or chronically homeless.

The conferees reiterate the direction and reporting requirement included in the Senate report regarding the collection and analysis of data to assess the effectiveness of the homeless system, and direct that such report also include HUD's timeline for finalizing data requirements for the Homeless Management Information System.

In lieu of the direction included in the Senate report regarding the Iowa continuum of care application, the conferees understand that the Department has addressed the Iowa application to the extent that is legally permissible.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

HOUSING FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriates \$1,033,801,000 for housing for special populations as proposed by the Senate instead of \$1,100,000,000 as proposed by the House.

Includes \$783,286,000 for section 202 housing for the elderly as proposed by the Senate instead of \$790,903,000 as proposed by the House. Of this amount, \$50,000,000 is for service coordinators and congregate services as proposed by the House instead of \$53,000,000 as proposed by the Senate; and up to \$25,000,000 is for conversion of eligible section 202 projects to assisted living instead of \$30,000,000 as proposed by the House and up to \$50,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Includes \$250,515,000 for section 811 housing for the disabled as proposed by the Senate instead of \$259,097,000 as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement does not include language proposed by the Senate to make section 202 and section 811 grant funds available for expenditure for twelve years, but includes modified language to make funds provided under this heading available for obligation for four years rather than three years as proposed by the House and Senate.

The conferees are concerned by the unduly long time it has taken in many cases to complete construction of elderly housing units funded through the section 202 program. While the conferees appreciate the complexities involved in housing construction, the

conferees are concerned that many of these delays are attributable to a lack of site control and/or sufficient planning, design and development. Therefore, the conference agreement includes \$25,000,000 for a demonstration grant program to facilitate planning, design and development activities for Section 202 projects instead of \$50,000,000 as proposed by the House. In lieu of the direction included in the House report regarding preference for future capital grant awards, the conferees direct HUD to review their current procedures for making awards under the section 202 program to ensure that those entities which can demonstrate their ability to bring projects on-line within the existing timeframes required by HUD, including achieving site control, are given preference under the section 202 program. (C)

The conference agreement includes language, modified from language proposed by the House, requiring the Secretary to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations no later than July 15, 2003 which includes the following: (1) actions taken, or planned to be taken, by the Department to accelerate the completion of projects funded under the section 202 program; and (2) alternative plans to restructure or otherwise modify the current section 202 program which would result in the completion of units and expenditure of funds in a more timely fashion, including, but not limited to, the option to restructure this program in a manner which tracks other Federally funded construction programs whereby grants for planning and design, construction, and operations are provided for separately.

The conference agreement does not include language proposed by the Senate authorizing the Secretary to waive any provision of law or regulation governing the section 202 and section 811 programs. The House did not include similar language.

Instead, the conference agreement includes modified language limiting the Secretary's waiver authority to only those provisions governing the terms and conditions for project rental assistance contracts and tenant-based voucher contracts to enable the Secretary to limit such initial contracts to no more than a five year term.

FLEXIBLE SUBSIDY FUND

(TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Includes language regarding the transfer of excess rental charges to this fund as proposed by the House and the Senate.

RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE

(RESCISSION)

Includes a rescission of up to \$100,000,000 from recaptured excess section 236 funds resulting from the pre-payment of such mortgages as proposed by the House, rather than directing the use of such excess funds to be used for a rehabilitation grant and loan program as proposed by the Senate.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING FEES TRUST FUND

Appropriates \$13,000,000 for authorized activities from fees collected in the fund as proposed by the House and Senate.

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

MUTUAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

Establishes a \$165,000,000,000 limitation on single-family loan guarantees during fiscal year 2003 as proposed by the House instead of a limitation of \$160,000,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Establishes a \$100,000,000 limitation on direct loans to nonprofits and governmental entities in connection with the sale of HUD-owned single-family properties, instead of a limitation of \$50,000,000 as proposed by the House and a limitation of \$250,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Appropriates \$347,829,000 for administrative expenses as proposed by both the House and Senate. Of this amount, \$343,807,000 is to be transferred to the salaries and expenses account and not to exceed \$4,022,000 is to be transferred to the Office of Inspector General as proposed by both the House and Senate.

Appropriates \$85,720,000 for administrative contract expenses and includes language allowing up to an additional \$16,000,000 to be made available for such expenses in certain circumstances as proposed by both the House and Senate.

Transfers no less than \$21,360,000 from administrative contract expenses under this account to the Working Capital Fund for the development of and modifications to information technology systems as proposed by both the House and Senate.

The conferees reiterate the direction included in the Senate report regarding submission of a report to the Committees on Appropriations on further actions which could be taken to protect homeowners and communities experiencing high rates of defaults and foreclosures on FHA-insured loans, and direct that such report be provided no later than June 2, 2003.

The conferees are aware of concerns regarding the effect the accelerated claims disposition demonstration will have in low-income, distressed neighborhoods, and urge the Department to take the particular needs of these communities into consideration when implementing this demonstration. In lieu of the language included in the Senate report regarding the accelerated claims disposition demonstration program, the conferees direct HUD to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations no later than August 1, 2003, on savings to the FHA single-family insurance fund and, where possible, the impact of this demonstration on the numbers of foreclosures and re-performing loans within the demonstration, as well as the impact of this program on such communities if such properties are sold to investors or resold in a deteriorated condition.

GENERAL AND SPECIAL RISK PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

Establishes a \$23,000,000,000 limitation on multifamily and specialized loan guarantees during fiscal year 2003 as proposed by the House instead of a limitation of \$21,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. () 000

Appropriates \$15,000,000 for subsidy costs to support certain multifamily and special purpose loan guarantee programs as proposed by the House and the Senate.

The conferees understand that once the final consolidated OIG audit on section 514 grantees is received, the Department will make a determination whether to lift the suspension, recapture funds spent inappropriately, or bar grantees from receiving funds for four years, based on the OIG assessment of the individual violations. The conferees ask the Department to report on the status of resolution of these findings by April 15, 2003.

GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
GUARANTEES OF MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM
ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriates \$10,343,000 for administrative expenses to be transferred to the salaries and expenses account as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

Appropriates \$47,000,000 for research and technology as proposed by both the House and Senate.

Includes \$7,500,000 for the Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing (PATH) initiative, instead of \$7,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$8,750,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees reiterate the direction included in the Senate report denying demonstration authority without prior congressional approval.

FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES

Appropriates \$45,899,000 for the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) and the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL

LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION

Appropriates \$176,000,000 for lead hazard reduction instead of \$126,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$201,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees agree to allocate funds as follows:

--\$10,000,000 for Operation LEAP

--\$96,000,000 for the lead-based paint hazard control grant program to provide assistance to State and local governments and Native American tribes for lead-based paint abatement in private low-income housing;

--\$10,000,000 for technical assistance and support to State and local agencies and private property owners;

--\$10,000,000 for the Healthy Homes Initiative for competitive grants for research, standards development, and education and outreach activities to address lead-based paint poisoning and other housing-related diseases and hazards; and

--\$50,000,000 for an initiative to target lead abatement funds to areas with the highest lead paint abatement needs.

Includes new language making available \$50,000,000 on a competitive basis to those areas with the highest lead paint abatement needs as determined by the highest number of pre-1940 units, a disproportionately high number of documented cases of lead-poisoned children and an applicant's demonstrated capacity to implement successfully

the proposed uses of the funds. Language is also included requiring that not less than 90% of the funds made available under this initiative to be used exclusively for

abatement and interim control of lead-based paint hazards. Language is also included requiring recipients of funds awarded under this initiative provide a matching

contribution of not less than 25% of the total grant award. The conferees believe that (percent communities with the highest lead paint risk to children must employ an aggressive approach to lead-based paint abatement, and direct that grants made under this new initiative be not less than \$2,000,000. The conferees intend that eligible recipients of these funds will be units of local government. In selecting recipients for funding under this initiative, the Department shall consider the capacity of the applicant to use the funds provided, including the success of the applicant in using previously provided Federal dollars for lead-based paint hazard reduction, as well as the applicant's strategies to mobilize public and private resources to address this problem. Grant recipients under this initiative are expected to use funds for abatement and hazard reduction in privately owned rental-housing units that serve low-income families with children under the age of six. Units treated with funds provided under this initiative must remain available for low-income residents for at least three years following treatment of the lead-based paint hazard. The conferees direct the Department to submit an annual report to the Committees on Appropriations on the effectiveness of this program with the first such report due March 1, 2004. Further, the conferees request that the Department to review the need for demolition grants under this initiative and provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations by June 27, 2003. The conferees do not intend for any action taken in this Act to prejudice an ongoing or future litigation brought against lead pigment manufacturers. Additionally, no action taken in this Act is intended to mitigate the responsibility of housing owners to address the existence of lead-based paint hazards in a timely and expeditious manner. (manne

The conferees are aware that the Department currently reserves approximately 80 percent of the current lead-based paint hazard control grant program funding for allocation to current grantees or previous grantees, with the remaining 20 percent provided for new grantees. The conferees request that the Department evaluate this policy to ensure that such allocation is appropriate to ensure that resources are made available to communities with the need as well as the capacity to use such grants. Further, the conferees urge the Department to consider the total amount of Federal and non-Federal resources available to address lead-based paint hazards when allocating funds provided for the current lead-based paint hazard control grant program. Further, the conferees expect the Department to award all funds provided for the current lead-based paint hazard grant program on a competitive basis and to report to the Committees on Appropriations by April 15, 2003 on how this requirement is being met.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

Appropriates \$1,090,229,000 for salaries and expenses as proposed by the House instead of \$1,070,229,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, ~~\$590,229,000~~ is ^(530,299,500) provided as a direct appropriation under this account as proposed by the House instead of ~~\$510,229,000~~ as proposed by the Senate. ^(510,299,500)

The conference agreement includes language as proposed by the House directing the Department to allocate funds provided under this heading in the manner specified in the joint explanatory statement of the managers accompanying this Act unless the Committees on Appropriations are notified and approve of any changes in the operating

plan or through a reprogramming. The conferees reiterate the direction included in the House report regarding such operating plan and reprogramming procedures. The following office and object classifications are to be used as the basis of any changes in funding distributions:

Office of Housing	\$294,224,000
Office of Public and Indian Housing	153,971,000
Office of Community Planning and Development	76,174,000
Office of Policy Development and Research	19,147,000
Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity	59,973,000
Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control	2,634,000
Government National Mortgage Association	7,233,000
Departmental Management	22,344,000
Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives	2,606,000
Office of the Chief Financial Officer	53,986,000
Office of the General Counsel	68,336,000
Office of Field Policy and Management	77,410,000
Office of Administration	241,761,000
<u>Transfer to the Working Capital Fund</u>	<u>10,500,000</u>
Total, Management and Administration	\$1,090,299,000 <u>\$1,090,229,000</u>

Consistent with modifications to the original budget submission, the object classification distribution, which shall also serve as the basis for the operating plan and reprogramming changes, is as follows:

Personal Services--\$830,763,000

Travel and Transportation of Persons--\$25,508,000

Transportation of Things--\$700,000

Rent, Communications and Utilities--\$124,572,000

Printing and Reproduction--\$4,644,000

Other Services--\$97,807,000

Supplies and Materials--\$4,932,000

Furniture and Equipment--\$1,180,000

Indemnities--\$193,000

The preceding object classification distribution includes \$20,000,000 provided for a funds control improvements with the Other Services object class. The Department is directed to submit a spending plan allocating these funds no later than April 15, 2003. (within

Allocations included in the conference agreement are consistent with the distributions included in the Department's budget submission, excluding amounts assumed contingent upon enactment of legislative changes to legacy retirement costs, updated to include the effects of the reorganization implemented during fiscal year 2002 and additional resources provided for funds control improvements. However, the conferees understand recent hiring decisions have resulted in the Department exceeding its requested 9,100 full time equivalents (FTE) level by an estimated 268 FTEs. This increase contradicts the Department's budget justification submission for fiscal year. In addition, the Committees on Appropriations were not informed of this substantive change in staffing until the funding shortfall causes by this FTE level reached critical proportions. Further, the conferees understand that the Department's hiring actions were in many cases inconsistent with the Department's Resource Estimation and Allocation (the caused

Process (REAP) resulting in some offices and functions remaining understaffed while other offices and functions are overstaffed. The conferees are disturbed by the Department's failure to adhere to staffing levels set forth in the budget and to meet required notification requirements regarding such changes, as well as by the Department's inability to manage the allocation of staff resources based upon workload requirements. Modified language is included, similar to language proposed by the House, requiring the Secretary to submit a staffing plan for the Department no later than March 15, 2003. In addition, the Department is directed to submit a reprogramming of funds no later than March 15, 2003 that reflects changes from the office and object classification distributions included in this conference agreement, as well as the actions the Department is taking to realign staffing resources to match workload requirements, including any additional staffing requirements resulting from changes made to the ~~Section~~ 8 voucher program in this Act. (1c)

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) is also requested to review the Department's hiring decisions to determine whether these decisions have been consistent with the Department's staffing needs, program requirements, and applicable personnel practices. The OIG is asked to report to the Committees on Appropriations on its findings no later than August 15, 2003.

Language is included designating \$20,000,000 to remain available for two years for funds control improvements as proposed by the House. The Senate bill did not include a similar provision. Language is also included, as proposed by the House, related to funds control improvements. The Senate did not include similar language. The conferees reiterate the concerns expressed in the House report regarding the severe

chronic funds control problems at the Department, including the failure of the Department to make timely formal determinations of the violations of Anti-Deficiency Act (ADA) and other appropriations statutes. The conferees reiterate all direction included in the House report regarding this problem, including the direction included in the House report regarding the authority and the responsibility of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) with respect to compliance with appropriations laws, including the ADA. The conferees note that to assist the OCFO in fulfilling these responsibilities, the conference agreement includes language establishing a division of appropriations law within the OCFO and transferring no fewer than four experienced appropriations attorneys from the Legislative Division of the Office of Legislation and Regulations, Office of the General Counsel to the OCFO for such new division. The conferees direct that the Secretary ensure that all attorneys transferred pursuant to the conference agreement have significant experience and expertise in matters of appropriations law, and further direct the Secretary to report to the Committees on Appropriations within 15 days of enactment of this Act on the actions taken to comply with this requirement.

Language is included in the bill placing a limitation on the number of GS-14 and GS-15 ^(positions) at the Department as proposed by the House. The Senate did not include similar language.

The conferees reiterate the direction included in the Senate report regarding the limitation on non-career employees.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

Appropriates \$276,300,000 for the Working Capital Fund as proposed by the House instead of \$276,737,000 as proposed by the Senate. In addition, the conference agreement includes an additional \$75,100,000 by transfer from various accounts to support program-specific information technology systems as proposed by the House and Senate.

Language is included prohibiting funds made available to the Department from being used to award a new contract for the HUD Information Technology Services project until after submission of a comprehensive five-year plan in accordance with the direction included in this joint statement of the managers. The Department is directed to submit a comprehensive five-year plan that meets all the requirements and direction included in the House report. The Senate did not include similar language.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriates ~~\$97,449,000~~ for the Office of Inspector General instead of ~~(97,449,000)~~ \$96,684,000 as proposed by the House and \$97,684,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$23,343,000 is provided by transfer from the various funds of the Federal Housing Administration as proposed by the House and the Senate.

In lieu of the direction included in the Senate report, at least \$5,000,000 is to be targeted to anti-predatory lending and anti-flipping activities.

CONSOLIDATED FEE FUND

(RESCISSION)

Includes a rescission of \$8,000,000 from the Fund as proposed by the Senate.
The House proposed similar language but did not designate a specific dollar amount.

OFFICE OF FEDERAL HOUSING ENTERPRISE OVERSIGHT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriates \$30,000,000 for the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO) to be derived from collections available in the Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight Fund as proposed by the House and the Senate.

The conferees agree that OFHEO must have the necessary staff in order to fully meet its regulatory mission. However, previous staffing plans submitted by OFHEO have often lacked the necessary level of detail required by the Committees on Appropriations to accurately assess the staffing and funding needs of the agency. The conferees expect OFHEO to provide a detailed report to the Committees on Appropriations no later than August 15, 2003, detailing its current staffing levels and corresponding responsibilities, as well as whether additional staff is required to fully meet its regulatory mission.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Does not include language to amend section 683(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1972 to authorize service coordinators in section 811 projects as proposed by the Senate. The House did not include similar language.

Does not include language to amend section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 to authorize a new loan-financing program for public housing authorities as proposed by the Senate. The House did not include similar language.

Includes language permanently prohibiting assistance for housing units defined under section 9(n) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 as proposed by the Senate. The House did not include similar language.

Includes language setting forth the reprogramming requirements for funds provided to the Department as proposed by the House. The Senate proposed similar language.

Includes modified language, similar to language proposed by the House, requiring the Department to submit a spending plan for the use of technical assistance, training, and management improvement funds provided for in this Act to the Committees on Appropriations by March 15, 2003. The Senate did not include similar language.

Includes language repealing section 9(n)(1) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and section 226 of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 as proposed by the Senate. The House did not include similar language.

Includes modified language, similar to language proposed by the Senate, requiring the Secretary to maintain section 8 assistance on certain properties occupied by elderly or disabled families. The House did not include similar language.

Does not include language to amend section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 to authorize a welfare-to-work voucher program as proposed by the Senate. The House did not include similar language.

Includes language exempting the States of Alaska, Iowa, and Mississippi from the statutory requirement of having a resident on the board of a public housing authority and requires in lieu thereof the establishment of advisory boards which include public

housing residents and section 8 recipients as proposed by the Senate. The House did not include a similar provision. While the conferees have again included this exemption, the conferees expect the States to take the appropriate actions necessary to address this issue, rather than continuing to rely on a waiver of this statutory requirement.

Does not include language requiring the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Secretary to identify five-year cost projections for contract rental renewals for various HUD programs as proposed by the Senate. The House did not include similar language. The conferees understand that the Department's fiscal year 2004 budget submission includes such information. The Department is expected to continue to provide such information in subsequent fiscal year budget submissions without the need for the conferees to continue this direction in future appropriations Acts.

Includes language to amend section 24 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 to extend the authorization of the HOPE VI program for two years as proposed by the Senate. The House did not include similar language.

Does not include language prohibiting permanently the Secretary from waiving section 8 income eligibility restrictions as proposed by the Senate. The House did not include similar language.

Includes modified language, similar to language proposed by the Senate, requiring the Secretary to provide quarterly reports to the Committees on Appropriations regarding all uncommitted, unobligated and excess funds in each departmental program and activity, and to provide additional updated information upon request. The House did not include similar language.

Does not include language amending 12 U.S.C. 1715z-11a to allow the FHA multifamily insurance fund to be used for grants and loans for rehabilitation of certain non-FHA-insured properties as proposed by the Senate. The House did not include similar language.

Includes modified language, similar to language proposed by the Senate, requiring the Secretary to submit an annual report to the Committees on Appropriations regarding the number of Federally-assisted units under lease and the per-unit costs of such units. The House did not include similar language. The conferees expect such report to include all units funded under the Housing Certificate Fund and should provide the most updated information practicable.

Includes language waiving certain first-time homebuyer requirements to allow the use of a HOPE III grant in the East Baltimore, Maryland community as proposed by the Senate. The House did not include similar language.

Does not include language waiving the statutory environmental review requirements for a community development block grant made to Benton County, Iowa as proposed by the Senate. The House did not include similar language.

Includes new language providing the Secretary flexibility in applying the across-the-board rescission to funds made available in the Housing Certificate Fund.

TITLE III

INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$35,246,000 for salaries and expenses as proposed by the House instead of \$30,400,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees have provided an additional \$846,000 above the budget request to provide salaries and benefits for up to 20 additional full time equivalent personnel where manpower needs are evident throughout the ABMC system because of reductions in the work week mandated by a foreign government. In addition, \$4,000,000 has been provided for additional planning and construction costs associated with a new visitors center at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial near St. Laurent-sur-Mer, France. In this regard, the conferees agree that because the ABMC has begun initial planning of the project and may soon move to design and other pre-construction activities, a restriction on the use of funds for this project contained in the fiscal year 2002 appropriations legislation is withdrawn.

CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Provides a total funding level of \$7,850,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$6,500,000 as proposed by the House. Of this amount \$1,400,000 is derived from fiscal

year 2002 unobligated balances. The conferees have provided \$500,000 of the amount appropriated in fiscal year 2003 to be available through fiscal year 2004 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$2,500,000 as proposed by the House. The conferees have included bill language again this fiscal year which limits the number of career Senior Executive Service positions to three.

The conferees reiterate the House position regarding reprogrammings for the Board and that the use of carryover funds is subject to these same requirements.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FUND
PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Appropriates \$75,000,000 for the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund instead of \$80,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$73,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Includes \$5,000,000 for technical assistance designed to benefit Native American communities as proposed by the Senate instead of \$2,000,000 as proposed by the House.

Provides \$10,750,000 for administrative expenses as proposed by the Senate instead of \$11,050,000 as proposed by the House.

Provides for a limitation on the amount of direct loans of \$11,000,000 as proposed by both the House and Senate.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$57,000,000 for the Consumer Product Safety Commission, salaries and expenses, instead of \$57,117,000 as proposed by the House and \$56,767,000 as proposed by the Senate.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS OPERATING EXPENSES

(INCLUDING RESCISSION AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriates \$429,000,000 for national and community service programs operating expenses instead of \$405,842,000 as proposed by the Senate. The House provided authority for prior year funds to be used to terminate the Corporation and did not include any other provisions under this account.

Limits the fiscal year 2003 AmeriCorps enrollment to no more than 50,000 new members who incur obligations from the National Service Trust as proposed by the Senate. The conferees were dismayed to learn of the gross financial mismanagement of the Trust Fund and over-commitments made to various organizations without the financial resources to support those obligations, especially after years of providing funds for and directing the Corporation to strengthen grant management systems and financial controls. While the current leadership of the Corporation is to be commended for bringing these issues to light, the conferees maintain that the Corporation needs time to resolve the financial weakness and oversight issues within the organization before the program can grow. To that end, the conferees have approached fiscal year 2003 funding

for the Corporation with two guiding principles: 1) stabilization of the Corporation's programs and resources; and 2) maintenance of commitments to graduates of the Corporation's programs.

Limits administrative expenses to not more than \$32,500,000, of which not more than \$2,500 is for reception and representation expenses as proposed by the Senate. The conferees direct \$18,000,000 for program administration, \$12,000,000 for Governor-appointed State Commissions on National and Community Service, and \$2,500,000 for the Office of the Chief Financial Officer to enact financial reform in the Corporation.

Limits \$100,000,000, instead of \$15,000,000 as proposed by the Senate, to be transferred to the National Service Trust, of which up to \$5,000,000 shall be available for national service scholarships for high school students. The conferees did not provide funds for the Senior Service Initiative. The conferees amend the quarterly reporting requirement as proposed by the House and Senate regarding expenditures under the Trust to include an additional reporting requirement of enrollment data on the authorized and actual number of AmeriCorps members to be submitted by March 31, 2003. The conferees further direct the Corporation to ensure immediately that funds are available to pay the education awards earned by program graduates before any new members are enrolled in the Trust.

Limits \$275,000,000 for subtitle C grants under the National Service Trust of which not more than \$50,000,000 may be for national direct programs, and \$100,000,000 is transferred to the National Service Trust. Grants are to be made according to peer review panel recommendations. The Senate proposed limiting the subtitle C grants to \$240,492,000 of which not more than \$47,000,000 could be used for national service

programs. This funding level provided will support 50,000 new volunteers enrolled in the Trust in fiscal year 2003. The conferees direct the continuation of two programs areas to be funded in fiscal year 2003 at a level proportionate to last year considering the funding provided in fiscal year 2003: 1) programs designed to help children read by third grade, and 2) programs which provide information technology skills to students and teachers in low-income communities.

Provides \$10,000,000 to the Points of Light Foundation, of which up to \$2,500,000 may be used for an endowment as proposed by the Senate.

Prohibits the use of funds for national service programs run by other agencies and directs the Corporation to reduce the Federal cost per participant as proposed by the Senate.

Limits funding for the National Civilian Community Corps at \$25,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees reduced the funding level from the budget request without prejudice.

Limits funding for subtitle B grants for school-based and community-based service learning programs to \$43,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Limits funding for subtitle H grants, innovation, demonstration and assistance activities, to \$35,500,000 instead of \$29,850,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees have provided \$500,000 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day grants, \$100,000 for the Fellowship program, \$8,000,000 for training and technical assistance, \$6,000,000 for education award grants, \$5,000,000 for Promise Fellows, and \$5,900,000 for disability programs. Further, the conferees have provided \$4,000,000 for grants to encourage the next generation of national service organizations as proposed by the Senate. The

conferees have not provided the full funding request for recruitment activities since most of the fiscal year 2003 positions are filled, nor have the conferees provided funds for any innovation or demonstration program utilizing vouchers. The conferees do not recommend the request to transfer Education Awards and Promise Fellows programs from Innovation Activities to AmeriCorps Grants.

Provides \$6,000,000 for challenge grants under subtitle H as proposed by the Senate. The conferees amend the criteria for challenge grants by requiring a 2-to-1 private to Federal dollar matching requirement for grant recipients and limiting the grants to one year in duration.

Provides \$5,000,000 for America's Promise as proposed by the Senate. The conferees amend the reporting requirement proposed regarding funding and performance with a new reporting date of March 31, 2003.

Limits funding for audits and evaluations to \$3,000,000, instead of \$5,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees did not provide funding for the proposed research-based institute in partnership with a university or non-profit organization.

Rescinds \$48,000,000 from prior year unobligated balances identified within funds appropriated between fiscal year 1998 and fiscal year 2001 across all grant programs. None of the rescission is derived from the National Service Trust. (2

The conferees remind the Corporation of the reporting and reprogramming requirements set forth at the beginning of this division. Various reporting requirements listed in both the House report and the Senate record must be fulfilled with the submission of the fiscal year 2003 operating plan unless otherwise noted. Further, the conferees direct the Corporation to provide better, detailed information in the budget

request regarding planned and on-going activities, the costs of those activities, and the expected results.

The conferees reiterate the directive to the Corporation to establish performance measures for each grantee, require each grantee to submit a correction plan should the grantee not meet the agreed-upon measures, and reduce or terminate any award where, after due process, the grantee does not meet the performance plan.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Appropriates \$6,000,000 for Office of Inspector General instead of \$5,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$6,900,000 as proposed by the Senate.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Retains the administrative provisions proposed by the Senate regarding qualified student loans eligible for education awards and the availability of funds for the placement of volunteers with disabilities. The House included a similar provision regarding qualified student loans, but with technical differences.

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$14,326,000 for salaries and expenses as proposed by the House instead of \$14,612,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees believe all federal employees should be safe in their work environments. The General Services Administration (GSA) is responsible for providing ~~that~~ security for the Federal tenants of privately owned buildings. The conferees strongly urge the Court, together with the other tenants of the building, to work with GSA, in consultation with the Department of Homeland Security, on a security plan acceptable to

all tenants, the community and the owner. The cost of the plan should be borne equally by all tenants.

The conferees remind the Court of its obligation to comply with the reprogramming requirements set forth at the beginning of this division and direct the Court to submit an operating plan to the Committees on Appropriation of both the House and Senate 60 days after enactment of this Act. (S

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE-CIVIL

CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$32,445,000 for salaries and expenses as proposed by the House instead of \$24,445,000 as proposed by the Senate. Additional funds are provided for repairs to the Memorial Amphitheater and accelerated development of section 90.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Appropriates \$84,074,000 for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences as proposed by the House instead of \$76,074,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of the appropriated amount, \$48,936,000 is for research and \$27,138,000 is for worker training activities as proposed in the budget submission.

In addition, the conferees have provided \$8,000,000, split equally between research and worker training, for NIEHS activities related to the terrorist attacks of

September 11, 2001 which had been appropriated in a Supplemental Appropriations Act but not requested by the Administration as a contingent emergency.

AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCE

AND DISEASE REGISTRY

TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Appropriates \$82,800,000 for toxic substances and environmental public health instead of \$88,688,000 as proposed by the House and \$81,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of the amount provided, \$1,800,000 is intended to reimburse ATSDR for direct and indirect costs of the Agency related to the events of September 11, 2001.

Bill language has again this year been included which permits the Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to conduct other appropriate health studies and evaluations or activities in lieu of health assessments pursuant to section 104(i)(6) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA). The language further stipulates that in the conduct of such other health assessments, evaluations or activities, the ATSDR shall not be bound by the deadlines imposed in section 104(i)(6)(A) of CERCLA. Funds provided for fiscal year 2003 cannot be used by the ATSDR to conduct in excess of 40 toxicological profiles.

From within the funds provided, the conferees expect ATSDR to establish a fish consumption advisory pilot program in the State of Michigan, implement a multi-faceted health study of polychlorinated biphenyl exposure in Anniston, Alabama, and monitor and assess the long-term health status of children, adolescents, and young adults in Herculaneum, Missouri regarding their exposure to lead.

Finally, the conferees have again agreed to cap administrative costs charged by the CDC at 7.5 percent of the amount appropriated herein for the ATSDR.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Appropriates \$720,261,000 for science and technology instead of \$714,578,000 as proposed by the House and \$707,203,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees have included language similar to that proposed by the House giving EPA the ability to contract for the temporary or intermittent services of students or recent graduates. The language, with technical differences, is similar to language adopted in Public law 106-113 to provide such authority to the United States Geological Survey.

The conferees have agreed to the following increases above the budget request:

1. \$2,500,000 for EPSCoR;
2. \$4,000,000 for the Water Environmental Research Foundation;
3. \$5,000,000 for the American Water Works Association Research Foundation;
4. \$2,000,000 for the National Decentralized Water Resource Capacity Development Project, in coordination with EPA, for continued training and research and development program;
5. \$9,750,000 for the STAR Fellowship program;
6. \$1,000,000 for the American Water Works Association as a one-time grant to assist AWWA in its drinking water security training activities;
7. \$5,000,000 for small system arsenic removal research, for a total of \$11,800,000 in fiscal year 2003. The conferees strongly encourage EPA to utilize a significant

portion of this funding to carry out demonstrations of implementation of low-cost treatment technology and directs the Agency to report to the Committees on Appropriations by August 15, 2003, on its plans to carry out such demonstrations;

8. \$900,000 for the University of South Alabama, Center for Estuarine Research;
9. \$450,000 for the city of San Bernardino, California/San Bernardino Valley Metropolitan Water District for the Lakes and Streams project;
10. \$675,000 to the University of California, Riverside for continued research of advanced vehicle design, advanced transportation systems, vehicle emissions, and atmospheric pollution at the CE-CERT facility;
11. \$450,000 to the Monterey County, California Water Resources Association for planning activities for the Salinas Valley Water Project;
12. \$1,800,000 for the International Center for Water Technology at California State University, Fresno;
13. \$900,000 for the Central California Air Quality Study conducted by the Central California Air Quality Coalition;
14. \$720,000 to Barry University for minority science training;
15. \$900,000 to the University of Miami in Florida for the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science for continued research into coral reefs;
16. \$270,000 to Florida International University to utilize non-destructive techniques to characterize and develop contamination strategies;
17. \$225,000 for ongoing research and development of multipurpose sensors for detecting and analyzing environmental contaminants at Boise State University, the University of Idaho and the University of Utah;

18. \$450,000 to the Illinois Waste Management and Research Center through the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign for implementation of a program to increase the adoption of innovative pollution prevention technologies by businesses;
19. \$180,000 for the Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium;
20. \$450,000 for the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences in Ann Arbor, Michigan for assisting EPA in meeting the Strategic Goals Program in the metal finishing sector;
21. \$450,000 for the Michigan Biotechnology Institute for development and demonstration of environmental cleanup technologies;
22. \$450,000 for the Great Lakes Hydrological Center of Excellence at Western Michigan University;
23. \$180,000 to Montana State University Bozeman to develop a Water Center Drinking Water Assistance Program for Small Systems;
24. \$225,000 to the Desert Research Institute for Clean Water Research of the Western Great Basin Rivers;
25. \$6,885,000 for the Environmental Systems Center of Excellence at Syracuse University for research and technology transfer in the fields of indoor environmental quality and urban ecosystems sustainability;
26. \$180,000 to the State University of New York, College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry for research and outreach at the Roosevelt Sustainability Center;

27. \$450,000 to the Syracuse Research Corporation in Syracuse, New York, a not-for-profit corporation, for the continuation of environmental research at its Probability Risk Assessment Center;
28. \$900,000 for the Integrated Petroleum Environmental Consortium;
29. \$450,000 for the University of South Carolina for a geologic study for uranium groundwater contamination;
30. \$1,800,000 for the Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center;
31. \$450,000 for the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research at Tarleton State University;
32. \$450,000 for the Texas Institute for Environmental Assessment and Management at the University of North Texas, Denton, Texas;
33. \$873,000 for the Canaan Valley Institute in close coordination with the Regional Vulnerability and Assessment (ReVA) initiative to develop research and educational tools using integrative technologies to predict future environmental risks and support informed, proactive decision-making to be undertaken in conjunction with the Highlands action program;
34. \$450,000 for the Dauphin Island Sea Lab, Dauphin Island, Alabama, for coastal ecosystem research;
35. \$630,000 for the Center for the Conservation of Biological Resources at Black Hills State University, South Dakota;
36. \$675,000 for Clean Air Counts of Northeastern Illinois to develop an innovative and cost effective method to reduce smog-causing emissions in the Chicago metropolitan region. The funding will provide support for an ongoing partnership

involving EPA, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, Illinois EPA, and the Delta Institute;

37. \$720,000 for the Contra Costa Water District, California, for applied research studies related to the water quality and water treatment challenges facing Bay Delta water users;
38. \$720,000 for Lake Superior State University for education and research on aquatic biota and their associated habitats;
39. \$675,000 for the Louisiana Environmental Research Center at McNeese State University for research into wetland ecology and the environmental effects of oil spills;
40. \$270,000 for the Foundation for Advancements in Science and Education in Vermont for a pesticides recording project;
41. \$675,000 for the Southwest Clean Air Quality Agency's Columbia Gorge Air Quality Technical Foundation Study;
42. \$450,000 for the Center for the Study of Metals in the Environment;
43. \$1,080,000 for the Center for Air Toxic Metals at the Energy and Environmental Research Center;
44. \$90,000 for the University of Vermont's Proctor Maple Research Center to continue mercury deposition monitoring effects;
45. \$315,000 for acid rain research at the University of Vermont;
46. \$450,000 for the City of Glendale, California for research and development of technology for the removal of Chromium 6 from water;
47. \$450,000 for the Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research;

48. \$900,000 for the National Environmental Respiratory Center at the Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute;

49. \$3,510,000 for the Mine Waste Technology Program at the National Environmental Waste Technology, Testing, and Evaluation Center;

50. \$1,350,000 for the Connecticut River Airshed-Watershed Consortium;

51. \$630,000 for the Mid-America Regional Council to apply urban agroforestry technologies to meet community green infrastructure needs;

~~52. \$900,000 for the Center for Estuarine Research at the University of South Alabama;~~

52.) — 53. \$900,000 for the Environmental Lung Center at the National Jewish Medical and Research Center; (and

53.) — 54. \$1,800,000 for air quality program for Fairbanks North Star Borough, Alaska.

The conference agreement provides \$8,000,000 for the National Environmental Technology Competition, a decrease of \$1,750,000 from the budget request. In this regard, the Agency is directed to report by August 1, 2003 on its efforts to develop a "one stop shop" office to coordinate similar programs which foster private and public sector development of new, cost-effective environmental technologies.

The conference agreement includes a general reduction to this account of

\$17,000,000.

6,100,000) — The conferees continue to support the partnership between the EPA and the National Technology Transfer Center and direct that the Agency continue the cooperative agreement at the fiscal year 2001 funding level. Additionally, the conferees have provided \$850,000 from within available funds for the Agency to contract with the

National Academy of Sciences for an evaluation of the Coeur D'Alene Basin, Idaho Superfund site in a manner consistent with the reports of the House and Senate accompanying this Act.

From within amounts transferred to "Science and Technology" from "Hazardous Substance Superfund", the conferees direct that funding for the Gulf Coast Hazardous Substance Research Center continue at no less than the fiscal year 2002 level. Also from within these transferred amounts, the Agency is directed to provide no less than \$8,000,000 for continuation of the SITE program.

The conferees agree that the drinking water security report requested by the Senate shall be provided no later than June 30, 2003.

Finally, the conference agreement modifies a provision included in the Report accompanying the Senate bill requiring EPA to study the procedures used by the States in setting individual State emission standards. The conferees direct that the Agency, rather than conduct such a study with its own personnel, contract with the National Academy of Sciences to conduct the review and submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of its findings not later than February 15, 2004. The conferees have provided \$750,000 from within available funds in support of this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT

Appropriates \$2,111,604,000 for environmental programs and management instead of \$2,111,677,000 as proposed by the House and \$2,136,569,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees have included language as proposed by the House which requires the Administrator to certify grant amendment numbers C-340461-02 and C-340461-03.

The conferees have agreed to specific Agency program levels as follows:

1. \$22,651,000 for the Chesapeake Bay Program, an increase of \$2,000,000 above the budget request; *for some watersheds grants*

2. \$16,000,000 for the Great Lakes National Program Office, an increase of \$872,000 above the request;

3. \$24,521,000 for the National Estuary Program, an increase of \$5,275,000 above the budget request;

4. \$5,000,000 for the Gulf of Mexico program, an increase of \$673,000 above the budget request;

5. \$2,500,000 for the Long Island Sound Program Office, an increase of \$2,023,000 above the budget request;

6. \$5,500,000 for Environmental Justice programs, an increase of \$1,421,000 above the budget request;

7. \$182,000,000 for the Compliance Assistance, Compliance Monitoring, and Civil Enforcement programs within the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, an increase of \$15,224,000 above the budget request;

8. \$2,500,000 for the Lake Champlain Basin Program, an increase of \$1,545,000 above the budget request;

9. \$1,000,000 for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program, an increase of \$1,000,000 above the budget request;

10. \$10,000,000 for Capacity Building, an increase of \$489,000 above the fiscal year 2002 funding level;

11. \$13,057,000 for Information Integration, an increase of \$7,273,000 above last year's level;

12. \$44,500,000 for Legal Services, an increase of \$2,716,000 above the fiscal 2002 level;
13. \$14,750,000 for the TRI/Right-to-Know program, and an increase of \$549,000 above last year;
14. \$27,200,000 for the EPM account's portion of the Brownfields program, an increase of \$24,381,000 above the level provided in fiscal year 2002; and
15. \$33,000,000 for regulatory development, an increase of \$5,588,000 above the fiscal year 2002 funding level.

The conference agreement provides for a general reduction for the "Environmental Programs and Management" account of \$45,001,000. Further, the agreement provides for no reductions as proposed by the House for the Management Services and Stewardship and Planning and Resource Management activities, and provides for no increase in the Energy Star program as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees have agreed to the following increases to the budget request:

1. \$18,000,000 for rural water technical assistance activities and groundwater protection with distribution as follows: \$10,000,000 for the NRWA, \$4,000,000 for RCAP, to be divided equally between assistance for water programs and assistance for wastewater programs; \$1,000,000 for GWPC; \$2,000,000 for Small Flows Clearinghouse; and \$1,000,000 for the NETC;
2. \$1,000,000 for the National Biosolids Partnership Program;
3. \$2,000,000 for source water protection programs;
4. \$5,000,000 for a cost-shared grant program to school districts for necessary upgrades of their diesel bus fleets;

5. \$2,000,000 to the NRWA to assist small water systems to conduct vulnerability assessments as required in title IV of the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness Response Act of 2002;
6. \$3,000,000 for EPA's National Computing Center to provide for the remote mirroring of all critical information and related systems to achieve a Continuation of Operations (COOP)/Disaster Recovery capability;
7. \$4,000,000 for grants to interested States to establish a long-term ambient monitoring and assessment framework at relevant geographic scales to support all water quality management objectives;
8. \$450,000 to the University of Arkansas to develop bio-engineering solutions to watershed management;
9. \$450,000 for the San Joaquin River Resource Management Coalition of California;
10. \$225,000 to establish a Santa Ana River Watershed Research and Training Program at the Water Resources Institute of California State University, San Bernardino;
11. \$225,000 for the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District for research and design (cost evaluation and environmental studies) of a mitigation project addressing the city's contaminated high groundwater table and dangers presented by liquefaction;
12. \$270,000 for the Sacramento River Toxic Pollutant Control Program and Sacramento River Watershed Program;
13. \$225,000 to Edward Waters College of Jacksonville, Florida for research education and training with regard to community environmental conditions;
14. \$1,350,000 for enhanced environmental education, research and training programs at Florida Gulf Coast University's Institute for Coastal and Watershed Studies;

15. \$270,000 to Miami-Dade County, Florida for lead screening, testing, outreach, and education in the Liberty City Neighborhood;
16. \$270,000 to Miami-Dade County, Florida to expand the existing environmental education program;
17. \$450,000 to the Georgia Environmental Training and Education Authority for a lagoon waste management demonstration project;
18. \$900,000 to the Columbus Water Works, Columbus, Georgia for an Advanced Biosolids Flow-Through Thermophilic Treatment Process demonstration project;
19. \$180,000 to Cerro Gordo County, Iowa for environmental planning related to the Ventura Marsh initiative and overall water quality assessment in connection with the Clear Lake, Iowa Restoration Project;
20. \$270,000 to the Friends of the Teton River, Inc. for the Upper Teton Watershed project;
21. \$675,000 to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the Fox River Watershed Management Program;
22. \$450,000 to Purdue University in Indiana for the Contaminant Remediation Optimization Program (CROP);
23. \$180,000 for the Equus Beds Water Quality Protection program in Wichita, Kansas;
24. \$450,000 for the Boston Metropolitan Area Planning Council, in cooperation with the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, for a Comprehensive Water Resources Strategy for the I-495 Corridor of Massachusetts;
25. \$270,000 to Caroline County, Maryland for the initial design and engineering of a regional plan for wastewater needs;
26. \$157,500 for the Hypoxia Education and Stewardship Project in Kansas City, Missouri;

27. \$225,000 for continuation of the Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Surface Water Improvement Management Initiative;
28. \$765,000 for continued activities of the North Carolina Central University research initiative;
29. \$225,000 for Wake County, North Carolina for planning, environmental analysis and design of a watershed management plan;
30. \$225,000 to Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey for the Environmental Community Revitalization and Research Initiative;
31. \$900,000 to continue the sediment decontamination technology demonstration in the New York-New Jersey Harbor;
32. \$450,000 to the Tompkins County, New York Soil and Water Conservation District for the Cayuga Lake Watershed Protection Project;
33. \$450,000 for the Alfred University Center for Environmental and Energy Research;
34. \$135,000 to the Town of North Salem, New York for the Peach Lake pollution study;
35. \$675,000 to Columbia University in New York City, New York for education, training and equipment related to ongoing biomedical research on environmentally induced cancers and immunological responses, at the Audubon Biomedical Science and Technology Park;
36. \$900,000 for the Water Systems Council Wellcare™ Program;
37. \$225,000 to the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) for the National Materials Recovery and Recycling Center of Excellence;
38. \$1,350,000 for continued work on water management plans for the Central New York watersheds in Onondaga and Cayuga counties;

39. \$675,000 to Cortland County, New York for continued work on the aquifer protection plan, of which \$150,000 is for continued implementation of the comprehensive water quality management program in the Upper Susquehanna Watershed;
40. \$90,000 for a Water Consortium Feasibility Study in Oklahoma with Washington County Water District #3, Rogers County Rural Water District #3, the City of Collinsville, and the City of Owasso;
41. \$450,000 to Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, Inc., a non-profit organization, for demonstration projects which include research, education and training activities related to the development of environmentally beneficial vermicomposting processes;
42. \$450,000 for the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania's Department of Health in consultation with the Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth for lead screening, testing, outreach, and education throughout the City;
43. \$1,800,000 to the American Cities Foundation of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in consultation with the Philadelphia Commercial Development Corporation for the Neighborhood Environmental Action Team (N.E.A.T.) Philadelphia program;
44. \$450,000 for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Tarrant County, Texas for research of water supplies and development of an integrated watershed protection plan;
45. \$315,000 to the Brazos River Authority of College Station, Texas for the Brazos/Navasota Watershed Management Project;
46. \$180,000 to the Tri-State Water Council for the Clark Fork-Pend Oreille Tri-State Water Quality Study;
47. \$1,467,000 for on-going activities at the Canaan Valley Institute, including activities relating to community sustainability;

48. \$1,530,000 for the Canaan Valley Institute to continue to develop a regional sustainability support center and coordinated information system in the Mid-Atlantic Highlands;
49. \$810,000 to the Polymer Alliance Zone's MARCEE initiative;
50. \$270,000 to the West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation, Inc. (WVHTCF) for research to demonstrate the capture and utilization of CO₂ and CH₄ at the Meadowfill Landfill near Bridgeport, West Virginia;
51. \$405,000 to the Fayette County Commission of West Virginia for a wastewater treatment engineering study to address water quality concerns in the New River Gorge National River;
52. \$5,000,000 for America's Clean Water Foundation for implementation of on-farm environmental assessments for livestock operations;
53. \$225,000 for the Maryland Bureau of Mines for an acid mine drainage remediation project;
54. \$900,000 for projects demonstrating the benefits of Low Impact Development along the Anacostia Watershed in Prince Georges County, Maryland;
55. \$45,000 for the Northwest Straits Commission;
56. \$630,000 for the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission with distribution as follows:
\$144,000 to the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission for coordination and \$486,000 to be divided among the 26 participating tribes to implement this tribal initiative by integrating state, Federal, tribal and local governmental efforts to develop common water quality protection goals and reduce jurisdictional barriers;
57. \$180,000 for the Columbia Basin Groundwater Area Management Study;

58. \$450,000 for the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, California, pilot program to reduce diesel emissions;
59. \$225,000 for the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Council on Best Management Practices initiative to reduce nitrate contamination in drinking water;
60. \$225,000 for the CropLife Foundation North Carolina environmental stewardship project;
61. \$450,000 for the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development at Iowa State University for the Resource and Agricultural Policy Systems program;
62. \$450,000 for the Small Business Pollution Prevention Center at the University of Northern Iowa;
63. \$675,000 for the painting and coating assistance initiative through the University of Northern Iowa;
64. \$90,000 for the American Farmland Trust Center for Agriculture in the Environment for sustainable agriculture in Hawaii and the American Pacific;
65. \$450,000 for the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii ^{(to} promote biotechnology to reduce pesticide use in tropical and subtropical agricultural production;
66. \$225,000 for the County of Hawaii and the Hawaii Island Economic Development Board to establish and implement a community development model for renewable resource management by upgrading solid waste transfer stations into community recycling centers;
67. \$225,000 for a storm water research initiative at the University of Vermont;
68. \$180,000 for the Vermont small business compliance assistance project conducted by the Vermont Small Business Development Center;
69. \$144,000 for the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Commission Crandon Mine analysis;

70. \$450,000 for the Sand County Foundation in Wisconsin for an incentive program to promote the reduction of nitrogen discharge in the Upper Mississippi River Basin;
71. \$225,000 for Livingston Parish, Louisiana, for a water and wastewater infrastructure feasibility study;
72. \$225,000 for the Vermont Department of Agriculture to work with conservation districts and local communities to reduce non-point source run-off in the Potash Brook watershed;
73. \$225,000 for the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection to work with California water officials to address Lake Tahoe water quality issues;
74. \$225,000 for the University of Nevada, Reno to conduct water testing and related studies of the arsenic problem and its impact in Fallon, Nevada;
75. \$45,000 for the Tioga County Department of Economic Development and Planning, New York, for the Owego infrastructure master plan;
76. \$180,000 for design, engineering, and planning activities related to the pollution prevention of Wreck Pond and nearby beaches in Spring Lake, New Jersey;
77. \$135,000 for the New Jersey EnvironMentors project;
78. \$315,000 for planning and engineering studies for the Storm Lake, Iowa, cleanup project;
79. \$225,000 for the University of West Florida P.E.R.C.H. (Partnership for Environmental and Community Health) research project;
80. \$180,000 for the Northeast Waste Management Officials Association to continue solid waste, hazardous waste, cleanup, and pollution prevention programs;
81. \$180,000 for the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM);
82. \$2,250,000 for the National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium;
83. \$1,350,000 for the Ecological and Water Resources Assessment Project;

84. \$450,000 for the Valley Water Mill Watershed Education and Demonstration Center in Missouri;
85. \$180,000 for the Sutherlin, Oregon Water Control District's Watershed Assessment Project;
86. \$450,000 for the Kenai river Center in Kenai, Alaska;
87. \$1,800,000 for Region 10 environmental compliance activities in Alaska;
88. \$1,800,000 for the Coeur d'Alene Basin Commission to continue a pilot program for environmental response, natural resource restoration and related activities;
89. \$1,350,000 for ORSANCO for the Ohio River Pollution Reduction Program;
90. \$450,000 for the University of Southern Maine for environmental education activities;
91. \$1,350,000 for the University of Louisville for the Stream Restoration Institute;
92. \$2,250,000 for the Southwest Center for Environmental Research and Policy;
93. \$3,600,000 for the Small Public Water System Technology Centers at Western Kentucky University, the University of New Hampshire, the University of Alaska-Sitka, Pennsylvania State University, the University of Missouri-Columbia, Montana State University, the University of Illinois, and Mississippi State University;
94. \$900,000 to complete the full feasibility study/environmental impact statement for the Medford, Oregon, effluent reuse project; and
95. \$900,000 for the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for the Alabama Water and Wastewater Training Program.

The conference agreement provides \$9,160,000 from within available funds for the continuing operation of the Environmental Education programs. In this regard, the Agency is

directed to proportionately distribute funds for the Environmental education programs in a manner consistent with the provisions of the National Environmental Education Act.

The conferees have, within available funds, provided the fiscal year 2002 for the eight Environmental Finance Centers. Also within available funds, the Agency is directed to provide \$350,000 for maintenance and updating of the Cumulative and Aggregate Risk Evaluation System software package; \$250,000 to continue development of BASINS models, GIS mapping, integration with other financial and planning tools, and incorporation of cost-effectiveness considerations into integrated priority ranking systems; and \$200,000 for setting standards and to increase public and government awareness of the benefits of ambient temperature glass technology.

The Agency's budget submission for fiscal year 2003 called for a significant reduction in work conducted through the Climate Protection/Transportation program. So that work conducted under this program can be phased in a more appropriate manner, the conferees direct EPA to provide no less than \$5,000,000 from within available funds for work of the FEV/Clean Automotive Technology program on advanced hydraulic hybrid vehicles, extremely clean diesel technologies, and advanced gasoline engine concepts.

The conferees expect EPA to establish and implement a Highlands Action Program (HAP) in partnership with Canaan Valley Institute (CVI) to take action on the problems identified in the follow-up Mid-Atlantic Highlands report that Congress directed the EPA to prepare in the fiscal year 2002 House and Conference Reports. The HAP should, among other things, use environmental indicators, strong science, and partnerships to identify the causes of those problems; develop solutions and management actions to resolve the identified problems; and develop a management plan that includes states, non-governmental organizations, local

communities and the private sector. The Agency is expected to periodically assess the status of the HAP and report back to Congress on the findings and the successes of the program.

The Agency is directed to submit as part of the fiscal year 2003 Operations Plan a resource plan detailing the number of pesticide tolerance reassessments and re-registrations required under FQPA, the number and kind of such activities completed since 1996, the status of the remaining activities, including the projected number to be completed year-to-year under FQPA, and the level of resources needed to meet these requirements. Similarly, the Agency is expected to include in its fiscal year 2003 Operations Plan a report of its actions and accomplishments towards restoring personnel in its civil enforcement program, as well as a report of the Agency's plan towards aggressively filling and retaining FTE vacancies within OECA.

~~Earlier this~~ year, the Agency was asked by the House of Representatives' Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies to undertake an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to review the current draft Dioxin Reassessment. Among other things, the review was intended to address the toxicological questions associated with dioxin, including, the scientific evidence for the appropriate classification of dioxin as to its potential human carcinogenicity, the validity of the non-threshold linear dose-response model in light of epidemiological studies and the corresponding cancer slope factor calculated by the Agency through use of this model, the scientific evidence supporting the calculation and use of Toxicity Equivalent Factors, and the appropriateness of including "dioxin-like" chemicals in the risk assessment without individual empirical review of their effects.

Concerns raised by other federal agencies, outside scientists, and EPA's own Science Advisory Board as to the scientific underpinning of the Reassessment, as well as questions of consistency with other international assessments of dioxin and the positions on these taken by other federal agencies, in large part prompted this request. Because of the enormous policy implications of this Reassessment, the Agency in early Fall, 2002, asked for additional time to convene an Interagency Working Group (IWG) so as to review and address many of the toxicological questions that have been raised concerning the dioxin reassessment, including, but not limited to, the scientific evidence used to classify the carcinogenicity of dioxin to humans, the Agency's use of a linear dose-response model to estimate cancer risk levels, the scientific support for the use of the Toxic Equivalency Factors for dioxins, and the use of body burden as the appropriate dose metric.

While the conferees acknowledge the complexity of this issue, it is unclear as to how much progress has been made by the IWG. The conferees note that a year has passed since the Agency was first requested to pursue such a review by the Academy. In light of this fact and so that no further delay of this important issue occur, the conferees direct the unless the IWG has ^e _{(that} completed its review and issued a report within 60 days of enactment of the Act, the Agency is to contract with the Academy as quickly as possible thereafter so that the Academy may undertake a review of the Reassessment as originally requested. In issuing this direction, it is not the intention of the conferees to delay the work of the IWG. In addition, upon completion of the review by the NAS, the Agency is expected to move expeditiously to review the Academy's report, make any appropriate changes as necessary in the Reassessment, and issue a final document.

The conferees are aware that EPA is currently working with the Maritime Administration (MARAD) to develop an environmentally acceptable program which will aid MARAD in meeting its statutory mandate to dispose of obsolete vessels of the National Defense Reserve Fleet, and encourage EPA to continue its efforts to find solutions to dispose of these ships so as to eliminate to the greatest extent possible all potential environmental hazards.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Appropriates \$36,000,000 for the Office of Inspector General instead of \$35,325,000 as proposed by the House and \$37,325,000 as proposed by the Senate. In addition to amounts appropriated directly to the OIG, \$12,742,000 is also available by transfer from funds appropriated for Hazardous Substance Superfund.

The conferees strongly encourage the Inspector General to prepare and submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and the Senate at the earliest practical date an audit management plan and the personnel requirements which will best enhance the expertise and maximize the efficiencies of the Office.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

Appropriates \$42,918,000 for buildings and facilities as proposed by the House and the Senate.

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SUPERFUND (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

Appropriates \$1,272,888,000 for hazardous substance superfund as proposed by the Senate instead of \$1,422,888,000 as proposed by the House. Bill language provides that

\$636,444,000 of the appropriated amount is to be derived from the Superfund Trust Fund and a like amount is to be derived from General Revenues of the Treasury. Additional language provides for the transfer of \$12,742,000 to the Office of Inspector General, and for the transfer of \$86,168,000 to the Science and Technology account.

The conferees have agreed to the following fiscal year 2003 funding levels:

1. \$856,900,000 for Superfund response and cleanup activities.
2. \$143,600,000 for enforcement activities.
3. \$134,600,000 for management and support.
4. \$12,742,000 for transfer to the Office of Inspector General.
5. \$86,168,000 for research and development activities, to be transferred to the Science and Technology account.
6. \$38,826,000 for reimbursable interagency activities, including \$28,150,000 for the Department of Justice and \$10,676,000 for OSHA, FEMA, NOAA, the United States Coast Guard, and for the Department of the Interior.

The conferees remain concerned that a recent Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into between the EPA and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) does not fully address all jurisdictional concerns expressed in past years by the Congress. The Agency is therefore once again directed to negotiate and enter into an amended MOU which fully addresses these remaining issues. The Agency is further directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations by the 28th day of each month on the progress towards completing this direction.

Once again this year, the conferees support the national pilot worker training program which recruits and trains young persons who live near hazardous waste sites or in communities at risk of exposure to contaminated properties for work in the environmental field. The conferees

direct EPA to continue funding this effort in cooperation and collaboration with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

The conferees are aware of the Agency's ongoing program to coordinate the clean-up of vermiculite from certain homes in the Libby, Montana area, and are concerned with reports of both excessive costs and schedule delays associated with the program. The Agency should be aware of the long-standing concerns of the Committees on Appropriations regarding the judicious use of Superfund dollars by the EPA, and the conferees caution the Agency to move forward with this program in a manner which appropriately meets the needs of assistance for individuals in Libby while remaining fiscally responsible and containing costs in light of competing national priorities within the Superfund program.

LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM

Appropriates \$72,313,000 for the leaking underground storage tank program as proposed by the House and the Senate.

OIL SPILL RESPONSE

Appropriates \$15,581,000 for oil spill response as proposed by the House and the Senate.

STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Appropriates \$3,859,994,000 for state and tribal assistance grants instead of \$3,789,185,000 as proposed by the House and \$3,920,639,000 as proposed by the Senate. Bill language specifically provides \$1,350,000,000 for Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) capitalization grants, of which up to \$75,000,000 is to be made available for use by States that choose to make loans, including interest-free loans, that increase non-point and non-structural, decentralized alternatives, thus expanding the choices available to communities in their fight for

clean water. The conferees strongly encourage States that can do so to pursue innovative technologies in this regard, but emphasize that this program is voluntary and that States not participating in the program will nevertheless continue to receive their normal level of funding through the established SRF formulas.

Additional bill language provides \$850,000,000 for Safe Drinking Water SRF capitalization grants; \$50,000,000 for the United States-Mexico Border program; \$43,000,000 for grants to address drinking water and wastewater infrastructure needs in rural and native Alaska communities; \$3,000,000 for remediation of above ground leaking fuel tanks in Alaska pursuant to Public Law 106-554; \$8,225,000 for grants for construction of alternative decentralized wastewater facilities; \$90,500,000 for a new Brownfields grant program; \$1,150,382,000 for categorical grants to the states and tribes, including \$50,000,000 for Brownfields categorical grants and \$19,999,900 for the Environmental Information Exchange program; and \$314,887,000 for cost-shared grants for construction of water and wastewater treatment facilities and infrastructure and for groundwater protection infrastructure.

The conferees have included bill language which, for fiscal year 2003, authorizes the Administrator of the EPA to use funds appropriated pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA) to make grants to Indian tribes pursuant to section 319(h) and 518(e) of FWPCA. In addition, bill language has been adopted which, 1) will permit the states to include as principal amounts considered to be the cost of administering SRF loans to eligible borrowers, with certain limitations; 2) permits the Administrator to reserve up to 1 ½ percent of the funds appropriated for the SRF under title VI of the FWPCA for grants under section 518(c) of that Act; 3) for fiscal year 2003, authorizes the states to transfer funds between the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water SRF programs; and 4) stipulates that no funds provided in the Act to

address water infrastructure needs of colonias within the United States along the United States-Mexico border shall be made available to a county or municipal government unless that governmental entity has established an enforceable ordinance or rule which prevents the development or construction of any additional colonia areas, or the development within an existing colonia of any new home, business, or other structure which lacks water, wastewater, or other necessary infrastructure.

The conferees have included bill language which makes technical corrections and changes to grants approved in previous fiscal years. Finally, as in previous years, the conferees have included bill language which stipulates that none of the funds provided in this or any previous years' Act for the Safe Drinking Water SRF may be reserved by the Administrator for health effects studies on drinking water contaminants. The conferees have instead provided significant resources for such studies within EPA's Science and Technology account. (S

Of the funds provided for the United States-Mexico Border program, \$7,000,000 is for continuation of the El Paso, Texas desalination and water supply project, and \$2,000,000 is for the Brownsville, Texas water supply project.

The conference agreement provides \$8,225,000 for six specific grants under the National Decentralized Wastewater Demonstration program. The program, which has shown tremendous success in developing and transferring technologies which offer alternatives to centralized wastewater treatment facilities, also requires a cost-share whereby each grantee must provide 25% of the project's total cost. The six projects included for funding are located in Lowndes County, Alabama (\$575,000); Upper Patuxent River Watershed, Maryland (\$1,000,000); West Philadelphia and Rodale Institute Farm, Pennsylvania (\$1,700,000); Upper Rio Grande Valley Colonias, Texas (\$900,000); Chittenden County, Vermont Integrated Water Resource Project

(\$3,050,000); and Mud River Watershed, Lincoln County, West Virginia (\$1,000,000). As in previous years, these projects were determined by non-governmental, independent analysis based upon their unique and diverse geology and geography, their ability to provide the greatest technological diversity using limited financial resources, and the commitment of each community or regional area to find and fund appropriate alternative technologies to resolve their wastewater treatment needs.

Within the State and Tribal Categorical Grant program, the conference agreement includes:

1. \$225,000,000 for air resource assistance grants under sections 103 and 105 of the Clean Air Act, of which \$10,000,000 is for the five State/Regional Haze planning organizations;
2. \$192,500,000 for section 106 water pollution control grants;
3. \$10,000,000 for the Beach Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act (BEACH) grant program;
4. \$240,000,000 for section 319 non-point source pollution grants;
5. \$19,999,900 for the information exchange network grant program; and
6. \$15,000,000 for the new targeted watershed grant program.

The conferees have not provided funding for the State Multimedia Enforcement Grant program or for maintenance of the Homestake Mine in Lead, South Dakota.

The conferees agree that \$314,887,000 is provided for cost-shared grants to communities or other governmental entities for construction of water and wastewater treatment facilities and infrastructure and for groundwater protection infrastructure. Each such grant shall be accompanied by a cost-share requirement whereby, regardless of the amount provided herein for

each grant, 45 percent of a project's cost is to be the responsibility of the community or entity consistent with long-standing guidelines of the Agency. These guidelines also offer flexibility in the application of the cost-share requirement for those few circumstances when meeting the 45 percent requirement is not financially possible. The Agency is commended for its past efforts in working with communities and other entities to resolve problems in this regard, and it is expected that this high level of effort and flexibility will continue throughout fiscal year 2003.

The distribution of funds under this program is as follows:

1. \$1,620,000 for ~~the~~ Palmer, Alaska for a water main;
2. \$450,000 for Wrangell, Alaska for sewer expansion;
3. \$900,000 for the Fairbanks City, Alaska sewer and storm drain connection;
4. \$450,000 for ~~the~~ Kodiak, Alaska for water and sewer upgrades;
5. \$1,080,000 for the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility for the development of a water and sewer facility in Anchorage, Alaska;
6. \$900,000 for ~~the~~ Wasilla, Alaska for water and sewer improvements;
7. \$180,000 to Attalla, Alabama for sewerage system improvements;
8. \$180,000 to Powell, Alabama for sewerage system improvements;
9. \$90,000 to Lawrence County, Alabama for the Bankhead Forest Water Project;
10. \$90,000 to Phil Campbell, Alabama for water system improvements; *(the Town of*
11. \$900,000 to Fort Payne, Alabama for sewerage system improvements;
12. \$270,000 to Franklin County, Alabama for water infrastructure improvements;
13. \$180,000 to Douglas, Alabama for sewerage system improvements;
14. \$180,000 to Marion County, Alabama for water system improvements;

15. \$90,000 to the Fayette Water Board, Fayette, Alabama for water security system improvements;
16. \$135,000 to the Cullman County Commission, Alabama for the North Cullman County water systems upgrades;
17. \$225,000 to the City of Calera, Alabama for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;
18. \$225,000 to the City of Alabaster, Alabama for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;
19. \$1,080,000 to South Alabama Utilities of the town of Citronelle, Alabama for water infrastructure improvements in western Mobile County;
20. \$450,000 to the Southwest Alabama Regional Water Authority for water infrastructure improvements;
21. \$675,000 to the City of Huntsville, Alabama for water system improvements;
22. \$675,000 to the City of Moulton, Alabama for wastewater system improvements;
23. \$112,500 to the Town of Woodville, Alabama for wastewater system improvements;
24. \$180,000 to the Limestone County, Alabama Water and Sewer Authority for drinking water improvements;
25. \$180,000 to the West Morgan-East Lawrence Water Authority for drinking water improvements; (Alabama)
26. \$247,500 to the Town of Littleville, Alabama for wastewater system improvements;
27. \$180,000 to the City of Athens, Alabama for wastewater system improvements;
28. \$315,000 to the City of Montgomery, Alabama for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

29. \$315,000 to the Coosa Valley Water Authority for water infrastructure improvements in St. Clair County, Alabama;
30. \$90,000 for the City of Fulton, Alabama for water system improvements;
31. \$585,000 for the City of Jackson, Alabama for water infrastructure;
32. \$675,000 for the Mobile County Water, Sewer and Fire Protection Authority, Alabama for water system improvements;
33. \$630,000 for the Cities of Daphne, Foley and Fairhope, Alabama for comprehensive water infrastructure assessment;
34. \$585,000 for Mobile Area Water and Sewer System and the City of Prichard, Alabama for combined sewer outflow project; (a)
35. \$90,000 for Mt. Vernon, Alabama for water system improvements;
36. \$90,000 for Summerdale, Alabama for water infrastructure;
37. \$225,000 for the City of Monroeville, Alabama for water system improvements;
38. \$450,000 for Sumiton, Alabama for the Sumiton Sanitary Sewer System;
39. \$450,000 for Berry, Alabama for the construction of a new sanitary wastewater lagoon system;
40. \$450,000 for a water supply project in Guin, Alabama;
41. \$405,000 for Talladega, Alabama for county water supply facilities upgrades and construction;
42. \$292,500 for the Town of Notasulga, Alabama for the Notasulga Wastewater System;
43. \$270,000 for Muscle Shoals, Alabama for a wastewater project;
44. \$180,000 for Eva, Alabama for a sewer system project;
45. \$585,000 for Autauga County, Alabama for a sewer infrastructure construction project;